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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to a first Office action on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice, and add new claims 12-25 as follows.

12. (new) A storage system suitable for storing a plurality of objects each associated with an identification device, said system comprising:

an assembly including a plurality of locations arranged in a row column format, each of the locations adapted to receive an identification device;

row selector logic;

column selector logic;

a two terminal electronic memory device associated with each identification device, said electronic memory device comprising an individualized code;

a logic circuit for receiving a serial transmission of the individualized code from an electronic memory device at the intersection of a selected row and column;

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